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EGYPT.

Plague at Port Said.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., May 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram of the 2d instant, from the agent and consul-general at Cairo, reporting an outbreak of the plague at Port Said.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

ENGLAND.

Report from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, April 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at the port of Liverpool during the week ended April 21, 1900:

The health of Liverpool remains good. Twenty-three cases of smallpox, previously reported, remain under treatment at the lazaretto. It is interesting to note, in connection with the practice in vogue at this port of not detaining in quarantine the personnel of infected vessels, that but 3 cases of smallpox have developed among the released crew of the steamship *New England* (previously reported as having arrived here March 28 with 19 cases of smallpox on board), and that these were dealt with so promptly that they occasioned no further spread of the disease in Liverpool. Fifteen vessels cleared during the week for United States ports; of these 2 were not inspected. Nine hundred and sixty-six emigrants were inspected and passed. Three packages, the effects of 5 Russian emigrants were disinfected and labeled.

A consignment of bone dust, offered for shipment during the week from a plague-infected port in India, was refused shipment in accordance with instructions transmitted by Surgeon Magruder from London. The situation otherwise in regard to freight remains unchanged.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, April 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected and passed at this port during the week ended April 21, 1900:

Wednesday, April 18, steamship *Saale*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 2 steerage and 13 first-cabin passengers and 5 pieces of luggage.

Friday, April 20, steamship *Fürst Bismarck*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 2 second-cabin and 16 first-cabin passengers and no luggage.

Saturday, April 21, steamship *Saint Louis*, of the American Line, also bound for New York. There were inspected and passed 630 steerage, 175 second cabin, and 95 first-cabin passengers and 355 small and 685 large pieces of luggage. Only 2 emigrants were detained; these did not appear very ill, but both had elevation of temperature and it was thought best to stop them. Owing to letters written to the agents of the company, I had only 8 pieces of large luggage to disinfect for this ship.

Through the courtesy of the health officer for the port I have seen the 2 cases of smallpox that occurred during the week. Both were promptly isolated in the floating hospital and no other cases have developed. Otherwise the health of the port continues very good.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

FRANCE.

Report from Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *April 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the abstract of bills of health and to make the usual weekly report for the week ended April 21, 1900.

On April 21 the steamship *California*, Marseilles to New York, via Italian ports, crew 45, was inspected and given bill of health.

I have not obtained sanitary statistics yet, but expect to do so this week, and will at once transmit them to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. ANDERSON,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GERMANY.

Report from Bremen.

BREMEN, GERMANY, *April 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the past week 860 emigrants sailed for America from this port. There were 9 detentions as follows: Fever (unknown cause), 5; trachoma, 1; favus, 1; severe deformity of arm and hand, 1; scarred face, with ectropion, 1.

The last weekly health report for Bremen shows 5 cases of scarlet fever, 2 cases of diphtheria, and 1 case of enteric fever.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Hamburg.

HAMBURG, *April 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended April 21, 1900: The steamship *Batavia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed April 15 carrying 569 steerage passengers. One Russian emigrant with measles was held back. The number of passengers was smaller than usual on this vessel on account of sailing taking place on Easter Sunday. The